

February 10, 1976

PRESIDENT: LB 248 passes. Please read on Final Reading LB 348.

CLERK: Engrossed Legislative Bill 348 introduced by Senator Wiltse of the 1st District. Read on Final Reading.

SENATOR BARNETT: To strike the enacting clause. I had that on there previously and requested that you leave it on the bill. If you will remember, I told Senator Wiltse at the same time. If you don't, I will make a new one.

CLERK: I move to return LB 348 to Select File for specific amendment: to strike the enacting clause.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I won't take very long on this. At the same time I am up here, I would answer Senator Lewis. I didn't introduce any bills because I have to watch him so much it creates a problem. I think that what you should do is actually look at LB 348. This is a suspension bill. We have previously tried to do away with it. I want you to read the second copy of it. It is very short. It doesn't take very long but, boy, is it powerful. It says no person shall operate on any street or highway a motor vehicle with four or more wheels which is altered in respect to suspension or wheel base to raise or lower the vehicle height by more than 3 inches. I respectfully ask you to kill the bill because you are going to affect more than the automobile with the jacked-up rear end that Senator Wiltse is trying to affect. Everybody that has farm vehicles, and if Senator Nichol were here, he could tell you in the beet harvest. If you alter them and they are adjusted more than three inches for overloads and anything else, it is going to affect the front end of it or the rear end of it more than three inches. I think every person in here is just about to adopt another one of these bills that is more inclusive of damage than what you are thinking of. Whatever you do, don't vote for the bill because it belongs to Senator Wiltse. Now you have got to realize that this is a piece of legislation that is going to affect every vehicle with four wheels or more and I said that Senator Wiltse was trying to do what I thought was right but I think the bill goes too far, and if you would read it. It is only two paragraphs. I would respectfully ask you to indefinitely postpone this bill, move it back.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I won't take much of your time. I think that we should do as Senator Barnett has said. We should kill the bill. It is Senator Wiltse's and I know we have all tried to be nice to him but I don't think that is any reason to put something like this on the law books. It is just one more law that doesn't need to be on the